

REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER – 10:02 AM

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The March 31st were approved by consensus with the following corrections:

HUD E-snaps Debriefing Should read: There will be a change in the question and answer capacity during the 2009 SHP NOFA. (Instead of the will be no phone and answer capacity in 2009).

HUD E-snaps Debriefing: change “.prf system” to read “.pdf system”

UPDATE on HPRP –ARRA.

The Homeless Working Group of San Diego Grantmakers has hosted a series of planning meetings with the six local jurisdictions that are eligible for direct allocation of the ARRA Homeless Prevention and Re- Housing Program (HPRP) to help strategize a regional response. At this point in the process, the jurisdictions are moving forward in their planning processes. Amy Benjamin & Lynda Brophy reported on the City of San Diego considerations. The City anticipates more than \$6 million in HPRP funds for prevention and rapid rehousing services. A substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan has to be submitted to HUD. Public comment is open until May 8th. Some of the considerations during the process include: potential population targeting; income verification and recertification every 3 months; evaluation and outcomes measurements; consistency in priorities and goals and leverage of other ARRA resources; possible use of incentive-based contracting and development of an RFP or RFQ. The Housing Development and Finance Departments at the Housing Commission will assist with the housing /or rental assistance activities and will be developing a plan for delivery of support services.

GUEST SPEAKER

Amy Benjamin, City of San Diego, introduced Pamela Hosmer, San Diego Unified School District. Ms. Hosmer described her experience with special education and emotionally disturbed students and the services that the schools offer. The schools are a partner in serving households with children, offering liaison with foster youth, and low SES and homeless families. The program looks to promote 4 “As” : Awareness ,Access, Achievement and Attainment. History revealed that nearly half of children experiencing homelessness, failed to graduate; and were the lowest achieving population. Under Mc Kinney-Vento the schools provide a special liaison, offer transportation support to help children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness remain in school. A focus of work for the RCCC is the SHP programs under Mc Kinney-Vento. Partnering with the 230 schools in the District is a logic collaboration. Hearing no objections from the RCCC members a list of contacts will be provided to the Ms. Hosmer and a list of Mc Kinney Vento school liaisons will be given to the RCCC members.

STEERING COMMITTEE –

Membership Updates: The RCCC was invited to join the Housing Opportunities Collaborative and one of our Housing Liaisons, Hannah Cohen has volunteered to fulfill that role. We will sign an MOU for participation. Regional Task Force on the Homeless decided to not renew its annual contract with Walt Sandford, Executive FDirector, for financial reasons, Since RTFH is currently without an Executive Director, Board Members are helping in specific areas: Marie Mc Kenzie (VOA) is acting as ED for public relations, legal and general administration; Laurin Pause (CRC) is assisting with Finance, and Pat Leslie (PLNU) is helping to provide technical support.

HMIS Actions and Update : In summer 2008, HUD clarified the role of the CoC in relationship to the HMIS systems. As a result, the RCCC began reviewing the HMIS structure, roles, and performance. To date, the RCCC has confirmed the philosophy and preferences for system design (see March minutes). Lynda Brophy and Holly Younghans are leading the Capacity Review committee which will be concluding its work with an interview session with the HMIS providers and submitting recommendations to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will review the information and develop a governance plan. The timeline for the HPRP process makes it essential that this action be completed prior to the next meeting. The Steering group will take action and report back in the May meeting.

HUD 2008 Review: Mielle Schwartz reported on behalf of the Steering Committee and three documents were available for review: a general CoC Debriefing Summary; Scores for CoC 601 and 610; and the Office of Community Planning and Development New Numbering System for grant awards. Please see these documents for detail. Key items from the report included discussion of the impact of the change in Federal scoring rubric that incorporates the 40 “project need” points into the general CoC Exhibit I points; updates on E-snaps; and the relative position of the two local CoCs compared with the national threshold. In summary, the County CoC (610) remained stable (about 2 points above the threshold) and the City CoC (601) gained points to score six points above the threshold. Performance and Data Collection are worth more than half the total points. Performance is where both consortia lost the most points. It is recommended that an Exhibit I Review Committee be established to ensure that the applications remain competitive.

The new grant numbering system consists of a 15 character string with both letters and numbers: state abbreviation, project PIN, project type code, field office, the last two digits of the CoC number year of funding, funding sequence (renewal year). The result is a string that resembles: CA 0000B 6B10 08 01 (for a SHP project in the County and is receiving its first year of renewal funds) or CA 0000 C 01 08 00 (for a Shelter Plus Care project the is new in the City. NOTE: The old PIN numbers for our project are no longer valid (for example 7602).

Social Security Training plans are nearly complete for the long-awaited meeting with the regional Social Security Office and local representatives About 35 SSA employees will be in attendance with RCCC members. Please mark your calendars with a ‘save the date’ for June 30th (replacing the RCCCC monthly meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Manual Committee – Noelle Kester: The Manual which was distributed earlier this year will be updated to include the new attendance rules. The Publisher version of the manual has some problems with electronic transmission, so a pdf version will be created and placed on the SHP page of the HCD website.

Legislative Committee – The April Legislative report is distributed electronically.
Rosemary Johnston

Rating and Ranking Group – Shanda Lewis – (Congratulations to R & R Chair, who was recently married. Please update your contact information to identify Shanda Roberts as Shanda Lewis. The R & R Committee has created an electronic scoring form, is updating recommendations for consideration by the RCCC. The question of points in the performance section is a focus of current attention.

Employment – Dave Siegler, Jack Miklos: This committee is task-oriented toward providing a forum in the Fall (probably Nov) looking at employment, and how housing and support services impact employment. Anyone interested in participating on a dynamic, productive committee should contact Dave Siegler or Jack Miklos.

Logic Model – Simonne Ruff – HUD has provided a review of its Logic Model scoring outline in the Federal Register announcing the General Section of the NOFA.

Homeless Representative – Patti Hamic Christensen

Data Quality Group – Deborah Lester – The Data Quality and Data Advisory Committees have been working cooperatively with the Steering Group on the capacity review process and the review of the 2007 Services Report. More information from the RCCC will be provided when the review process is completed.

PTECH - Pat Leslie, Mat Packard: Announcement of the PTECH Awards are expected imminently. United Way augmented the PTECH funds so that nearly \$800,000 were made available rather than \$500,000. A Mobile ID program will debut at Stand Down. It is hoped that this service can help to expedite IDs for those without them. Cal IDs will be available at a reduced cost (reportedly \$7). If successful, this would be an important program to make available in other venues.

OTHER BUSINESS

Peggy Goldstein will be assisting the City Consortia with the 2009 process.

NOFAS for Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP) are open. Please review handouts from March 5th or contact Simonne Ruff at CSH for more information.

The City of San Diego / San Diego Housing Commission RFP for a ‘one-stop-shop’ is being released. The notice was distributed electronically.

Space is available in the Serenity Village program – contact James Jackson (the new Executive Director).

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